Dearest Harold, Nov 22, 1988

25 years ago

I became an adult overnight. I had never lost a family member nor had to face the death of someone I loved. It wasn't real to me then, and as I watch the NBC original coverage on A+E cable 4½ hours, it does not seem real to me now. It is not just difficult for me to believe, it is nearly impossible. I faced no better when Bobby was assassinated nor have I really accepted the recent loss of my beloved father. I have wondered if my inability to accept death as a part of our human existance did not come about as a result of the shocked reaction I experienced as did millions around the world, but death had never taken someone from me and in such a violent and unexpected way that I have not ever been able

to accept death in a normal fashion. Elvis Presley and John Lennon's deaths do not seem even now as being real. Harold, I am so thrilled that the eye surgery was a success. I prayed for you and I know now that God has heard my prayers. Nothing could have made me happier than to hear the surgery had been successful. There is much for you to do in this world and you need your eyesight to do so. I believe that God has restored your sight for a reason. I do not believe life is an accident of nature, I believe there is a Supreme Intelligence that set the cycles of life into being. I feel as well that each of us has a reason and a purpose for living. I think that God or whatever you may call a Supreme Being has further plans for you to accomplish. He has

saying that they were far more interested and excited to get a chance to see this young handsome President. His assassination hit them very bad, Hawaii was a brand new and youngest state of the Union who identified themselves with the new young President.

Well Harold, please follow what the Drs tell you to do, I know you will do so, I will Keep saying my prayers for you as always, Iam so happy.
"Don't Worry, Be Happy".
I cannot find Jim Garrions book "On The Trail of the Assassins", do you know who published it. I have always had a lot of faith in him and his courage, don't you?
Will be waiting to hear from you but only if it causes you no difficulties to do so. Love Always,
Say hi to Lil for me. Jan.

graced you with a brilliant mind and intellect that you have used so well in your life and it makes me very happy that God has further goals for you, you now have a new lease on life. I thank God for your good news.

You may wonder how I have been able to work 15 years on the cases of the assassinations of President Kennedy, Martin Luther King, Jr and Robert Kennedy. For several years from 1964 to early 1975, I couldn't, I bought all the memorial magazines, and books and record albums and put them all away. It wasn't until my viewing of the Zapruder film by Hildago Rivera on ABC did I become involved when I saw with my own eyes that we had been lied too. I started then and have never stopped and probably never will to find out who ordered these 3 great men to be killed and why.

I seperate my personal feelings from the work that I do. I cannot do both at the same time. As I continue to work on helping to get the truth out, I don't allow myself to think of how I feel about them. In this way, I can be very objective and open to whatever comes along and to see if it has any real merit on any one of the cases. I have discovered for the most part that the best investigators and researchers are those that really loved these men. It is a difficult and very expensive path that those of us have chosen to take. There are no financial rewards, but there are many financial expenses as you know so well to work as you and so many others have done. Copies cost money, telephone calls, audio cassettes, Video Cassettes + VCR's, etc. Not to mention the books that one must read and purchase in order to refer

to over + over again. It is very difficult for a young student to begin today and not spend at least 2 or 3 years of simply reading before they can even begin to understand what has happened to our country. All the Congressional Reports, Senate Reports, Committee Reports, Warren Commission 26 Volumes, HSCA Volumes, etc, etc. With all that I know even now, I do not refer to myself as an Investigator, maybe because of my knowing people like Lillian Sowell, you and John Christian, Penn, etc, etc, I do not feel I can even compare myself to people like you. I simply continue to work, read, listen and learn and to help those of you have contributed so much to this cause. I did not receive the program that you spoke of that was aired on the 19+20 on A+E.

I would like very much to have a video of this if you can send me his name and address, I can write to him. I wonder how much the video will cost?, do you have any idea?

I am enjoying Hawaii, it is very beautiful here and we are so fortunate to have found such a beautiful new home. The new owner said he would be interested in our leasing with an option to buy, that would be a fine thing if we can find the means to do so. There have been some beautiful memorials to the President. He had visited here in Hawaii just 6 months before he was assassinated in order to urge the Hawaiians to back his civil rights bill. The Hawaiians who are so multi-national anyway could not understand why the black people were being treated so badly, the commentators were

P.S. On one of the programs I taped yesterday, Dan Rather had tears in his eyes when he was recalling the day of the President's assassination. I was extremely surprised, to say the least. There have been so many beautiful memorials it is unbelievable but naturally not about who really took him from us. But I was deeply moved by the many stations that remembered him, the first of the Peace Corp who went to a Special mass in Washington and how so many said "We Love You * Jack". So very many people across this land who still cry today when they speak of him and that it didn't matter what he had done in his personal

life, that "he may have ------- some movie star or several but he didn't------ the American people. Peter, Paul and Mary had flown to Dallas for a concert that night. They heard the news when the landed went up to an airline ticket counter and ask for a flight out. The ticket agent asked them where to and Mary said "anywhere".

It was either Peter or Paul, I forget which they were talking to on the program and he said "All I could think of was "Who would want to kill a Dream?, ~~what~~ who could have such vested interests in anything that would cause them to kill this man?"

There were some programs that did stress that the answers to his assassination were still not known today 25 years later that

the majority of the American people still do not believe Lee Harvey Oswald ~~did~~ acted alone, and so many that believed still that he was a pasty like he said. That was an encouring sign, to me it said to me that the American people do want to know who killed him (P.K.) and why, that our work has not been in vain. Dr. Wecht, Fensterwald among several who met last week in Pittsburg? agreed to push for further tests and Congressional support to get the remaining files de-classified. I do not believe this is over, "the fat lady hasn't sung" and I believe this anniversary has re-opened the wounds we all feel and many who had thought they had put the issue to rest realize this and, it was said as well that this country changed the day he died and people want to know why. Why after 25 years are we still

being lied to by our government?" They don't buy the KGB, or the Castro did it bit. Many do believe that organized crime played a part but they feel it goes higher than that. The people I heard talking were more educated today, far more enlightened than even when I began working in this 13 years ago. Cyril Wecht, Bud Fensterwald and the others are going to "press very hard for the HSCA work to be released" all of it, not just the volumes that were printed. Jesus said 2000 years ago, "Seek ye the truth and the Truth shall set you free." I felt from the way the American people talked and reacted this anniversary, that what to be set free, to be able to care again and to trust in their

government once again. Twenty five years is a long time for a country that is suppossed to be free to feel they are still in chains and that only the truth can truly set them free. They want to care again who leads our country, but we are in bondage and until we are told the truth and can carry on the dreams that President Kennedy began for us on Jan 20, 1961 and Dr King and Bobby Kennedy died trying to do just that. The torch was passed to Robert Kennedy and "they" killed him too. The Dreams are still alive, the spark is still there to light the torch again, but no one since has picked it up. The torch is a symbol of freedom and justice for all, the Statue of Liberty holds it up high for all to see, but truly it lies on the ground, its flame has not burned out for it is

indeed an eternal flame, but only two men since John Kennedy picked it up. and they too were assassinated. The people are weary and tired, but they never tire when it comes to hearing and talking about President Kennedy. They don't care that Camelot wasn't a perfect era, they care that we have a leader who is brave enough to bring it to us again. To dare us to "be the best that we can be, whether we be black or white or anything inbetween." That is the legacy he left us, the courage to try, to strive for the best and to dare to dream the impossible. I feel very guilty that I allowed the horror of his death immobilize me until 1967 when for 85 days I helped in the campaign for Robert Kennedy and when he too was taken from us, I spent another 7 years, this time not caring anymore until 1975 when I

saw the Zapruder film and something in me came alive again, I could not work fast enough, hard enough, 24 hours a day was too short a day, I read constantly, talked to many researchers, met others as I continue on today. It was like I had to make up for lost time, wasted years when I should have been working to help and I sat alone in my thoughts my heart + soul shattered in grief that I refused to believe had really happened, but it had and I came out of that trance like state in 1975. I reality I have to face is that they really are gone but not their dreams, not their ideals, not their courage. They left that for us and we must carry it on for them and for our country.

Well, a long P.S. but I will close for now remembering that I love you Harold. Love Dan